



Godford
3.1.17

My dear Liz

Just a line to let you know I am still going strong. I have just arrived back from London after having four days leave, which was not half enough to have a look around. I did not see anything of Will or Jack as Jack had to get back to Oxford by the 24th Dec. and Will did not tell me in his letter how long he had off so I did not go up to Uncle as I did not have enough time.

We were taken up to London in a special train, and when we got there we were marched to the 41st headquarters then dismissed. So we went to the 41st War Chest Club to stay, ~~which~~ the first chap I met when I got in the door was Gerald Burke. He has been there some time as a clerk. He was behind the counter selling tickets for meals and booking beds when I saw him so I did not have much time to talk to him. He saw Jack & Will a few days before I got there, so you see it was just my luck to miss them. Now I may not see them for some time as I may be leaving for France any day now as some of our Rf's have gone already.

Well Liz London is a great place and I would have liked to have had you people over here



Oxford
2.1.18

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to see it with me. I will not try and explain all the places I have seen as I expect Jack has been to see a good many of them and he can explain them much better than me. I will just tell you the places I went to have a look at.

The first we went to was the Tower of London, ~~and~~ we had a guide to show us all over these places and explain everything to us, so you can guess it was very interesting. Then the next place was St Pauls Cathedral, then Westminster Abbey and Houses of Parliament both of them Lords and Commons. Then we drove down past Buckingham Palace (but, of course we did not go in there) to a dogs cemetery and I can tell you we had a good laugh at the different inscriptions on the tombstones. I am sending a couple of postcards of it also a few of the Bloody Tower. That was the first days drive.

Next day was Sunday so we took a walk around. We just walked any where looking at the different places in the morning. After dinner we went to the Zoological gardens and it took us all the evening to look at. Then after tea we went to church at Westminster Abbey so you see we kept going while we were there.



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